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Hon. Eric D. Coleman, Co-Chair
Hon. Gerald M. Fox, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Judiciary
Room 2500, Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106

Re: Raised Bill 6665

Dear Chairmen Coleman and Fox:

CCDLA is a not-for-profit organization of approximately three hundred lawyers who are dedicated to defending persons accused of criminal offenses. Founded in 1988, CCDLA is a statewide criminal defense lawyers' organization in Connecticut. An affiliate of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, CCDLA works to improve the criminal justice system by insuring that the individual rights guaranteed by the Connecticut and United States constitutions are applied fairly and equally and that those rights are not diminished.

CCDLA endorses the written testimony submitted by the Office of the Chief Public Defender requesting that this Committee refer the concepts articulated in ***Raised Bill No. 6665, An Act Concerning Review of Traffic Stop Complaints and the Collection of Traffic Stop Information with Respect to Immigration Status*** to the Racial Profiling Project for further review and discussion. Currently, the recommendations of the Racial Profiling Project are contained in ***Raised Bill No. 1143, An Act Concerning Traffic Stop Information***.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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